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110TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 2317

[Report No. 110-162]

To amend the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 to require registered lobbyists to file quarterly reports on contributions bundled for certain recipients, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 15, 2007

Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for himself, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. EMANUEL, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. BISHOP of New York, and Mr. WAXMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

MAY 21, 2007

Additional sponsors: Mr. SPACE and Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on May 15, 2007]

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Lobbying Transparency*
5 *Act of 2007”.*

6 **SEC. 2. QUARTERLY REPORTS BY REGISTERED LOBBYISTS**
7 **ON CONTRIBUTIONS BUNDLED FOR CERTAIN**
8 **RECIPIENTS.**

9 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5 of the Lobbying Disclo-*
10 *sure Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1604) is amended by adding*
11 *at the end the following new subsection:*

12 *“(d) QUARTERLY REPORTS ON CONTRIBUTIONS BUN-*
13 *DLED FOR CERTAIN RECIPIENTS.—*

14 *“(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 45 days after*
15 *the end of the quarterly period beginning on the first*
16 *day of January, April, July, and October of each*
17 *year, each registered lobbyist who bundles 2 or more*
18 *contributions made to a covered recipient in an ag-*
19 *gregate amount exceeding \$5,000 for such covered re-*
20 *recipient during such quarterly period shall file a re-*
21 *port with the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk*
22 *of the House of Representatives containing—*

23 *“(A) the name of the registered lobbyist;*

24 *“(B) in the case of an employee, his or her*
25 *employer; and*

1 “(C) the name of the covered recipient to
2 whom the contribution is made, and to the extent
3 known the aggregate amount of such contribu-
4 tions (or a good faith estimate thereof) within
5 the quarter for the covered recipient.

6 “(2) *EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION.*—In
7 filing a report under paragraph (1), a registered lob-
8 byist shall exclude from the report any information
9 described in paragraph (1)(C) which is included in
10 any other report filed by the registered lobbyist with
11 the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House
12 of Representatives under this Act.

13 “(3) *REQUIRING SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION*
14 *PRIOR TO FILING REPORTS.*—Not later than 25 days
15 after the end of a period for which a registered lob-
16 byist is required to file a report under paragraph (1)
17 which includes any information described in such sec-
18 tion with respect to a covered recipient, the registered
19 lobbyist shall transmit by certified mail to the covered
20 recipient involved a statement containing—

21 “(A) the information that will be included
22 in the report with respect to the covered recipi-
23 ent; and

24 “(B) the source of each contribution in-
25 cluded in the aggregate amount referred to in

1 paragraph (1)(C) which the registered lobbyist
2 bundled for the covered recipient during the pe-
3 riod covered by the report and the amount of the
4 contribution attributable to each such source.

5 “(4) *DEFINITION OF REGISTERED LOBBYIST.*—
6 For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘registered
7 lobbyist’ means a person who is registered or is re-
8 quired to register under paragraph (1) or (2) of sec-
9 tion 4(a), or an individual who is required to be list-
10 ed under section 4(b)(6) or subsection (b).

11 “(5) *DEFINITION OF BUNDLED CONTRIBUTION.*—
12 For purposes of this subsection, a registered lobbyist
13 ‘bundles’ a contribution if—

14 “(A) the contribution is received by a reg-
15 istered lobbyist for, and forwarded by a reg-
16 istered lobbyist to, the covered recipient to whom
17 the contribution is made; or

18 “(B) the contribution will be or has been
19 credited or attributed to the registered lobbyist
20 through records, designations, recognitions or
21 other means of tracking by the covered recipient
22 to whom the contribution is made.

23 “(6) *OTHER DEFINITIONS.*—In this subsection—

24 “(A) the term ‘contribution’ has the mean-
25 ing given such term in the Federal Election

1 *Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 431 et seq.), except*
2 *that such term does not include a contribu-*
3 *tion in an amount which is less than \$200;*

4 “(B) the terms ‘candidate’, ‘political com-

5 mittee’, and ‘political party committee’ have the

6 meaning given such terms in the *Federal Elec-*

7 *tion Campaign Act of 1971 (2 U.S.C. 431 et*

8 *seq.);*

9 “(C) the term ‘covered recipient’ means a

10 *Federal candidate, an individual holding Fed-*

11 *eral office, a leadership PAC, or a political*

12 *party committee; and*

13 “(D) the term ‘leadership PAC’ means, with

14 respect to an individual holding Federal office,

15 an unauthorized political committee which is as-

16 sociated with such individual, except that such

17 term shall not apply in the case of a political

18 committee of a political party.”.

19 (b) *EFFECTIVE DATE.*—The amendment made by sub-

20 section (a) shall apply with respect to the second quarterly

21 period described in section 5(d)(1) of the *Lobbying Disclo-*

22 *sure Act of 1995 (as added by subsection (a)) which begins*

23 *after the date of the enactment of this Act and each suc-*

24 *ceeding quarterly period.*

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